

## CHRISTMAS OF ROYAL FAMILIES OF EUROPE

One Day in the Year When the Kingly Dignity Unbends—Impressive Rites Required in Russia.

The royal families of Europe have many ways of observing Christmas, says an exchange. In every court it is a day of good cheer, and almost everywhere is marked by some sort of unbending from the kingly dignity which prevails on the other 364 days of the year.

King Edward shuns his great palaces on Christmas, and goes down to his cozy country house at Sandringham, in Norfolk, where he can do as he pleases, without being hedged in by court etiquette. There the children and grand-children of the king and queen have a merry day together, and the youngsters lord it over their royal grandpa to their hearts' content. There is a huge chimney at Sandringham, where the stockings are hung up, and the little ones run froth at dawn to see what Santa Claus has brought them, just as do the children of the humblest family in England. In the afternoon there is a children's party, and in the evening the king has a very informal reception, at which he and some intimate friends sit around the fire and tell stories.

The German Emperor. The German emperor and his large family begin their festivities on Christmas eve, at the Kaiserhof, with a Christmas tree and a big Christmas supper. Then the royal family join in singing a Christmas carol. Next the father, mother and seven children all kiss each other. Also each member of the family gives every other one a present, so that seventy-two gifts are exchanged. At the supper which follows there are no servants, and the royal family waits upon itself for the only time in the year. Christmas morning the kaiser spends in receiving the calls of many officials. In

the afternoon he goes out walking, and to every soldier in uniform whom he meets he gives a silver coin. He also enters humble homes, bestowing Christmas greetings and aims upon the inhabitants. The kaiser's Christmas presents are a tremendous one, for he sends gifts to all the royalty of the states composing the federal German empire, and to nearly every European monarch.

Italy and Austria. The Italian royal family is spending Christmas this year at the Villa Savoia, near Rome, recently purchased by King Victor. Christmas day and the evening are marked by many religious observances. The queen prepares a "manger cradle" with her own hands, for the little princesses and the crown prince. There is also a Christmas tree. If an Austrian—child or adult—were to be asked which is the most important day in all the year, he would certainly reply: "Christabend" (Christmas eve). And if you were to ask why, the answer would probably be: "Because it is the children's day, the day on which, above all others, you must not be absent from the family circle."

Beautiful Festival. Several years ago, when all the children of Franz Josef and the Empress Elizabeth were at home, Christmas was a beautiful festival at the Hofburg. The empress herself supervised the lighting of the Christmas tree, and on the table about its base were laid out the presents for the father and mother and all the princes and princesses. Then would follow a happy evening. The tragic death of the crown prince was the first break in the festivities, but even after he was gone, and the Princesses Gisela and Marie Valerie were married, the empress, who spent the rest of the year in travel, would return to Hofburg for Christmas with her husband and those of her family who remained. Then came her assassination, and since that event no sound of Christmas gaiety has been heard within the Hofburg walls. Old Emperor Franz Josef spends Christmas at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Archduke Franz Salvator and Archduchess Marie Valerie. They have a big family, the eldest 12, the youngest an infant in arms, and the broken old ruler is never so happy as when he is with these eight grand-children.

Purely Religious. Christmas is a day of rest for President Loubet. The feast being in France purely a religious one, there is nothing in the protocolary way to disturb the president, and he celebrates by remaining quietly at home with his family. Madame Loubet, however, does not find as much leisure as her husband. First of all she attends service at the church of St. Philippe du Roule in the morning. In the early part of the afternoon she invites all the children of the servants and minor employees of the Elysee palace to the Christmas tree in the grand salon, where each of the little ones receive a present from Mme. Loubet's own hands. Later she attends a Christmas tree given to the children of Alsation and Lorraine families living in France, where not only are toys and clothes distributed, but where the greatest actors and singers in France appear in opera and comedy parts afterwards.

Impressive Rites. Christmas comes thirteen days later in Russia, where the old calendar is still in force. At the Russian court Christmas is observed with all the gorgeous and impressive religious rites required by the doctrines of the Orthodox Greek church. The czar goes in full uniform, late on Christmas eve, to attend divine service in the chapel of the imperial palace. He invariably implants a kiss on the cheek of the first common soldier whom he sees doing sentry duty in the corridors of the palace. The soldier is always carefully washed by the palace officials in advance, and care is taken that he is a man in good health, who has run no danger of coming into contact with infectious diseases during the previous two or three weeks. To achieve this security the soldier who is destined to receive the kiss is kept in seclusion, under medical supervision, during this period. After the czar has kissed him and passed on his way to the chapel, the great ladies of the court embrace and kiss the common soldier, glad to be able to impress their lips on the spot which the mouth of their consecrated ruler has touched. Christmas day is observed in English fashion, for both the czar and the zarina are devoted to English habits and customs. Roast beef and plum pudding are the principal dishes at their Christmas dinner and the imperial children find on Christmas morning that the stockings hung up on Christmas eve have been filled by Santa Claus during the night. The czar spends the day, as do Edward and Wilhelm, largely in romping with the little ones of his household.

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## MANY EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA COLONY

EXPECTED THAT BY APRIL 1ST AT LEAST 10,000 PEOPLE WILL BE LOCATED THERE.

The Charlton County (Ga.) Herald, in speaking of the big colony to be established on the St. Mary's river, north of Jacksonville, says:

"The daily newspapers are printing long articles about Charlton county's great colony, which Hon. P. H. Fitzgerald, of Indianapolis, Ind., is now establishing at St. George (Cutler). The latest information is that by April 1st, 10,000 people will be there, and that large brick buildings will soon be going up there. We understand that only a limited amount of the stock remains unsold. The colony company, of which Mr. Fitzgerald is the head, own almost everything over that way, and the only chance to get a hold there on the co-operative or mutual plan and at first cost is to buy through Mr. Fitzgerald."

"It will not be long after the establishment of this great colony until an electric railway will be built from St. George to Folkston and on the Fernandina."

Expect Government Aid. "Next, we fully expect the government, in the course of a few years, to take the old survey and construct the canal, so long talked of years ago, as well as recently, connecting the waters of the Gulf and the Atlantic, which would save us much time and avoid the great dangers vessels encounter passing around the Florida keys. There is no need to thrash over the same straw and elaborate on the advantages and practicability of this route, as the government is in full possession of the facts, and it has been said that when the matter was heretofore up for discussion, the government officials preferred this route to all others."

Tuesday afternoon Prof. C. W. Waughtel and Herman Alberts and their families, all heading from Danville, O., passed through Folkston in wagons en route to St. George.

"Prof. Waughtel says he was principal of a normal college in his town in Ohio. "In reply to a question as to what he thought of this section, he replied: 'I thought I was fairly well versed in the topography of the whole country, but I admit I was never so much surprised in my life. This section is the best one I have ever seen; the finest climate and the best land.' Continuing, Prof. Waughtel said: 'I have seen some of the best lands here for growing celery I ever saw before.' "They report a large number of settlers on the way."

THE HOUSE THAT JIM BUILT.

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The church will be handsomely decorated and there will be special Christmas music. All seats free in this church. The Sunday school Christmas celebration at St. Katharine's Church and rectory, corner Davis and Cervantes streets, will be held on Holy Innocent's Day, Wednesday, December 23, from 3 to 6 p. m.

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## NEW YEAR'S SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES TO-DAY

MANY HAVE PREPARED SPECIAL MUSIC AND SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S SUBJECTS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

The services at the churches to-day will be, for the most part, of a special order, in celebration of the New Year. The various programs are as follows:

Catholic.

St. Michael's Church—Father Fullerton, pastor, 5 o'clock a. m. High Mass, followed by Low Mass. 9 a. m. Children's Mass. 10:30 a. m., last Mass, followed by Benediction. Appropriate Christmas music. St. Joseph's—Rev. Chas. E. Harhoff, pastor, 5 a. m., blessing of the New Crib. Devotions to the Holy Infant. High Mass and Sermon. 7:30 a. m., Low Mass and Short Instruction. 10 a. m., High Mass, Sermon and Te Deum. 4 p. m., Vespers, Rosary and Benediction. At the two high masses the choir will render "Missa Solemnis" in Georgian chant, according to the regulations of Pius X.

We have a crib that has been recently imported from Europe. It consists of a stable and 24 pieces of statuary. It is a work of art. It will be blessed at the 5 o'clock Mass, Sunday morning, and remain erected during the Christmas season for the devotion of the faithful.

Episcopal.

Christ Church—Rev. P. H. Whaley, rector, will preach at 11 o'clock and 7:30 p. m. Precentor W. F. Hall, supported by a select choir, will render the following song service:

Morning—Processional Hymn 51—Mendelssohn. Venite—W. Croft. Te Deum (in F)—B. Tours. Jubilate (in D)—L. Sullivan. Hymn 49—Novello. Kyria (in D)—A. Sullivan. Gloria Tibe—J. B. Dykes. Hymn 53—C. Avison. Anthem (Arise, Shine)—C. Simper. Sanctus—Clarke. Hymn 225—Hodges. Gloria in Excelsis—Anon. Nunc Dimittis—Simper. Recessional 59—Wilde. Evening—Processional Hymn 51—Mendelssohn. Choral Service—Falls. Magnificat (in F)—C. Simper. Nunc Dimittis (in F)—C. Simper. Hymn 49—Novello. Anthem (Arise, Shine) C. Simper. Hymn 53—Arlison. Recessional 59—Wilde. St. Katharine's Church—Following is the order and services at St. Katharine's Church, Rev. A. T. Sharpe, rector: 7:30 a. m.—Holy Communion. 9:30 a. m.—Sunday school. 11:00—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion. 4:00 p. m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

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Weeks will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 evening. Appropriate music.

Baptist.

First Baptist Church—New Year Services at the First Baptist Church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. to-day: Morning subject: "The Fleeting and the Enduring." Night subject: "A Backward Glance."

B. Y. P. U. service at 6:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. E. D. Beggs, superintendent. Sunbeam Society at 3 p. m. Mrs. M. E. Wilson, leader. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services. Select Christmas music both morning and evening.

Presbyterian.

First Presbyterian Church—Rev. J. S. Sibley, pastor. 11 a. m.—Sermon, subject, "God's Gift," 2 Cor. 9:15. The following program will be rendered at the Praise Service at 7:30 p. m.: Organ prelude. Prayer. Hymn No. 119—Congregation. Christmas Cantata by Dudley Buck, "The Coming of the King." I. Prophecy—Soprano Solo. II. Advent—Chorus. III. "The Annunciation"—Alto and Tenor Solos. IV. "Across the Desert"—Male Chorus. V. "The Plains of Bethlehem"—Ladies chorus, tenor solo and full chorus. VI. "Departure of the Shepherds"—Bass and soprano solos and male chorus. VII. Hymn No. 122—Congregation. VIII. "The Virgin's Lullaby"—Alto solo. IX. "The Adoration"—Soprano and bass solos. X. "Adeste Fideles"—Chorus. XI—Offertory. XII Hymn No. 121—Congregation. XIII Benediction.

Church of Christ.

Church of Christ—Corner Alcania and Jackson streets. Bible school 10 a. m. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., with preaching by W. T. Tracey. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. All cordially invited to attend these services.

Universalist.

First Universalist Church—East Chase street. Rev. C. B. Lynn, pastor, will preach to-day at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. Topic for morning service "The Message of the New Year to this Parish." Topic for 5 o'clock service, "The Transformed Life." Sunday school at 10 a. m. All are cordially invited to attend these services. Special music. Seats free.

Lutheran.

German Lutheran Church—Rev. J. W. Reinhardt, pastor. German service 10:30 a. m.; English service 7 p. m. Sunday school 9 a. m. Vestry meeting after close of German service. Scandinavian Lutheran Church—Rev. John Helle, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 5 p. m. Special music at both services. Special service Monday at 10:30 a. m.

Christian Science.

Christian Science—Regular services are held in room No. 6 of Masonic Temple, every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Wednesday afternoon at 4 p. m. Subject for to-day, "Life." Strangers are cordially welcome.

Forced to Starve.

B. F. Leek, of Concord, Ky., says: "For 20 years I suffered agonies, with a sore on my upper lip, so painful, sometimes, that I could not eat. After vainly trying everything else, I cured it with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's great for burns, cuts and wounds. All drug stores; only 25c."

## THE WEATHER FOR JANUARY

WHAT MAY BE EXPECTED FOR THIS MONTH, FROM RECORDS OF PAST 25 YEARS.

Observer Wm. F. Reed, of the local weather bureau, has compiled the following data, covering a period of 25 years, from the weather bureau records at Pensacola, Fla., for the month of January. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed, during the month in question, for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month:

Temperature—mean or normal temperature, 52 degrees. The warmest month was that of 1890, with an average of 63 degrees. The coldest month was that of 1886, with an average of 46 degrees. The highest temperature was 79 degrees on January 8th, 1890. The lowest temperature was 15 degrees on January 9th, 1886. The earliest date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, November 12th. Average date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, December 5th. Average date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, February 23rd.

The latest date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, April 6th.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow)—Average for the month, 3.97 inches. Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 11.

The greatest monthly precipitation was 9.97 inches in 1885. The least monthly precipitation was 0.63 inches in 1902.

The greatest amount recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 3.52 inches on January 2 and 4, 1881.

The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-85 only) was 0.4 inches on January 14, 1892.

Clouds and Weather—Average number of clear days, 9; partly cloudy days, 11; cloudy days, 11.

Wind—The prevailing winds have been from the north.

The average hourly velocity of the wind is 9.9. The highest velocity of the wind was 50 miles from the southwest on January 21, 1891.

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Installation of Officers.

Florida Chapter No. 14, Order Eastern Star, held a very interesting meeting last Wednesday night, and the following officers were duly installed: Mrs. Eva Gibbs, worthy matron. Mrs. J. M. Flynn, worthy patron. Mrs. Ella Beyer, associate matron. Miss Bertha Stewart, secretary. Miss Mollie Losky, treasurer. Miss Maud Randall, conductress. Mrs. Tillie Derrard, associate conductress. Mrs. Mary Fowler, alder. Mrs. Minnie Bonaker, Ruth. Mrs. Eva Anderson, Esther. Miss Willie B. Kendrick, Martha. Miss Lorena White, Electra. Mrs. Hannah V. Rendall, chaplain. Mrs. Ida Edreht, marshal. Mrs. Amanda Wilkinson, warden. Mrs. Kelly, sentinel.

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